are cases in which the outstanding final bills have been disputed by the contractors or cases where Govt./Contractors have appealed against Arbitration Awards and are, thus, *subjudice*.

Pay protection to Ex-servicemen by OFB/DGOF

2000. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ordnance Factories Board/Directorate General of Ordnance Factories have not issued orders for giving pay protection to several categories of ex-servicemen who joined the various factories under the OFB in the past one decade or more;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of such ex-servicemen who had joined directly in the post of Supervisors have been stagnating in the same post despite several assurances for their promotion to next higher post within three years from the date of joining;

(c) whether these Supervisors have already served for move than a decade in various factories; and

(d) if so, what are the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The ex-servicemen employed in the Ordnance Factories Organisation are given pay protection as per the orders in force at the time when civilian employment is provided to them.

(b) No such assurances have been given. As per rules, no weightage/reservation is admissible to the ex-servicemen in the matter of seniority and promotion. Time taken for employees, including ex-servicemen, to be promoted to the next higher posts, which depends upon seniority of the individual employee correlated with the number of posts/vacancies available at a given point of time, would vary over time.

(c) and (d) Details of five such Supervisors who have been serving as such for over a decade are as follows:—

Factory	Grade	No. of Incumbents	Date of joining
Ordnance Factory, Ambajhari . .	Supervisor 'B' (Tech)	1	24-3-1977
Ordnance Factory, Kanpur . .	Do.	1	13-7-1977
Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur . . .	Do.	2	3-4-1979
Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur . . .	Do.	1	22-4-1979

Rise/fall in Defence exports

2001. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
DR. SANJAYA SINH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of Rise/fall in the defence exports during the last three years (year-wise) till date;

(b) the quantum and value of defence exports during the same period;

(c) what are the new foreign markets explored for the defence exports and what is the result achieved;

(d) whether with a view to promote defence exports Government propose to consider the involvement of private sector in defence production; and